

In The Claims

Please amend claims 1-23 as provided in the APPENDIX A attached hereafter. The APPENDIX A shows the clean version of the entire set of pending claims. The "marked-up" version of the amended claim is provided in the APPENDIX B attached hereafter.

Please add new claims 24-27, as shown in the APPENDIX A.

REMARKS

In response to the Office Action dated July 26, 2002, claims 1-23 have been amended, and claims 24-27 are newly added. Claims 1-27 are active in this application, of which claim 1 is independent. The Office Action indicates that claims 6, 7, 10, 11 and 15-22 are objected to but would be allowable if presented in independent form.

Based on the above Amendments and the following Remarks, Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the outstanding objections and rejections and they be withdrawn.

Rejections Under 35 U.S.C. §102

In the Office Action, claim 1 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. §102(b) for being anticipated by U. S. Patent No. 5,442,470 issued to Hashimoto ("Hashimoto"). This rejection is respectfully traversed.

In this response, claim 1 has been amended for solely clarification purposes. Amended claim 1 recites "[a] liquid crystal display device, comprising: a liquid crystal display panel; a flexible circuit board attached to said liquid crystal display panel, for applying driving signals to said liquid crystal display panel; a back light assembly for providing a light to said liquid crystal